REMARKS

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 8, 12, and 49 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kawamura, et al., (EP 0903679); Claims 3, 10, 11 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura, et al.; Claims 2, 9, 13-16, 21-27, 32-40, and 45-48 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura, et al., in view of IDC Executive Brief; Claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura, et al., in view of Archer (U.S. 6,683,870); Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura, et al., in view of Vitikainen (U.S. 7,203,297); Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura, et al., in view of Rasansky, et al. (U.S. 5,960,406); Claims 17-18, 28-29, and 41-42 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura, et al., and IDC and further in view of Archer; Claims 19, 30, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura, et al., and IDC and further in view of Vitikainen; and Claims 20, 31, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura, et al., and IDC and further in view of Rasansky.

These rejections are now moot in view of the cancellation of Claims 1-50.

Nonetheless, Applicant will distinguish the cited references from the newly added claims 51-95.

The cited references fail to teach or suggest at least the following italicized features in the pending independent claims:

> 51.   (New) A method for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:
> (a) receiving, *by a packet switched network*, a request from a second user for *web page associated with the first user*; and
> (b) providing, *by the packet switched network*, the second user with the *web page*, wherein at least one of the following is true:
> (B1) *the provided web page comprises at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user, wherein the at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user is varied depending on the identity of the requestor*;
> (B2) *the provided web page comprises a plurality of contact options to contact the first user and an activatable icon to initiate a contact to the*

first user by an option selected by the second user, the contact options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call;

(B3) *the provided web page comprises a personalized message for the second user, the personalized message being provided only to selected requestors but not to all requestors*; and

(B4) *the provided web page comprises one or more fields for receiving a text message from the second user for the first user, wherein the inputted text message is converted into a voice message for the first user at the request of the second user.*

63.   (New) A method for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:

receiving, *by a packet switched network*, a request from a second user for a *web page associated with the first user*;

providing the second user with the *web page*, wherein the *web page comprises one or more fields for receiving an inputted text message for the first user*;

receiving from the second user, by the web page, an inputted text message for the first user;

receiving a command to forward the inputted text message to the first user by a selected communication option, the selected communication option being at least one of a live voice call and voice mail;

converting the inputted text message into a corresponding audio stream; and

sending the corresponding audio stream to at least one of a live voice communication device and a voice mail repository associated with the first user.

75.   (New) A system for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:

(a) a network server operable to receive, *by a packet switched network*, a request from a second user for a *web page* of the first user; and

(b) a resource manager operable to provide, *by the packet switched network*, the second user with the *web page* of the first user, wherein at least one of the following is true:

(B1) *the provided web page comprises at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user, wherein the at least one of a current physical location of the first user, current contact options for the first user, and a current activity of the first user is varied depending on the identity of the requestor*;

(B2) *the provided web page comprises a plurality of contact options to contact the first user and an activatable icon to initiate a contact to the first user by an option selected by the second user, the contact options being a plurality of an email, a facsimile, a voice mail, an instant message, a pager, and a telephone call*;

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(B3) *the provided web page comprises a personalized message for the second user, the personalized message being provided only to selected requestors but not to all requestors*; and

(B4) *the provided web page comprises one or more fields for receiving a text message from the second user for the first user, wherein the inputted text message is converted into a voice message for the first user at the request of the second user.*

85.   (New) A system for contacting a first user using a packet-switched communication, comprising:

a network server operable to receive, by *a packet switched network*, a request from a second user for a *web page* of the first user;

a resource manager operable (a) receive, by a packet switched network, a request from a second user for the *web page* associated with the first user; (b) provide the second user with the *web page, wherein the web page comprises one or more fields for receiving an inputted text message for the first user*; (c) *receive from the second user, by the web page, an inputted text message for the first user*; (d) *receive a command to forward the inputted text message to the first user by a selected communication option, the selected communication option being at least one of a live voice call and voice mail*; (e) *convert the inputted text message into a corresponding audio stream*; and (f) *send the corresponding audio stream to at least one of a live voice communication device and a voice mail repository associated with the first user.*

An exemplary embodiment of the invention is directed to a Web-Based Personal Assistant (WBPA) that allows contactors of a selected party to obtain real time presence information about the selected party. Each party has a WBPA, which is typically configured as a home Web page. The WBPA for party A, for example, can, through party A's WBPA, access the home Web page of party B. The accessed Web page of party B permits party A to send party B messages at multiple endpoints (e.g., email, voice mail, fax, IM, pager, etc.), and provide functionality such as general and personalized greetings, find me, presence information, setup web links to topics, and the like.

Kawamura, et al.

Kawamura, et al., the primary reference, is directed to a personal management system that includes sensors, such as an ID card reader, to detect physical location, as a function of time, of a tracked party. A display is provided, such as on the person's personal computer or on a wall unit, that displays state information regarding the tracked party and optionally multiple tracked parties. The display is refreshed whenever a state change is detected. Fig. 2 depicts a sample of the display. The output device group 32

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forwards calls to a predetermined telephone and connects to a service device, such as voice mail equipment, based on state information from the personal management system.

A personal bulletin board 301 can be set in the management unit 2. The bulletin board can be displayed at multiple endpoints at the request of multiple requestors.

Kawamura, et al., fail to teach or suggest features, including (i) the provision to requestors of presence and availability information, via a personal Web page; (ii) filtration of/restriction of access to presence and availability information based on the identity of the requestor; (iii) providing, via a displayed Web page, multiple communication options on multiple communication media, such as email, fax, voice mail, instant message, pager, and voice call; (iv) displaying via the Web page a personalized message from the party associated with the Web page to the requestor; (v) varying the information in the displayed Web page by contacting user or contacting user group; and (vi) receiving, via the displayed Web page, a text message for the Web page owner followed by conversion of the text message into a voice message to be provided audibly to the owner.

These deficiencies are not overcome by the remaining references.

IDC Executive Brief

The IDC Executive Brief is directed to speech interfaces in a number of applications, such as informational access and access desired functionality and applications (such as messaging applications, telephony applications, contact and information applications and business applications). These applications, for example, can be accessed by speaking voice commands into a phone.

Rasansky, et al.

Rasansky, et al., is directed to a computer system for scheduling events between end users of the system. Each end user is granted a unique password protected personal calendar. This calendar is generated from information stored in a database at a central server, and delivered to each end user as standard HTML sent through the Internet. This custom personal calendar is then viewed by the end user in a standard Web Browser. This obviates the need for special software programs to be purchased by end users, and also allows end users of any CPU type to read their calendars. When an end user uses the system to send an Invitation or Announcement to others on the system, the sending end

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user has the option of sending Email in addition to posting that information in the calendars' of others. When an end user sends an Invitation or Announcement to a person who is not an Appointnet user, then the Appointnet system automatically creates a unique calendar for the recipient, and sends and Email to that person. Individuals who use the present system can post reminders to themselves, send announcements to people they know, and make appointments with people they know. When these messages are sent, the communications is nearly instantaneous because the system makes one record and allows both (or many) parties to view it.

Archer

Archer is directed to a method for communication over a network, which can be both analog and digital, includes simultaneously transmitting a call notification to a plurality of communication devices. These communication devices include devices such as telephones, pagers, computers, and voice mail systems. The addresses (e.g., telephone numbers) are stored in a database which is queried based on the call notification. For example, this method can be used in a find-me/follow-me system or to initiate a conference call.

Vitikainen, et al.

Vitikainen, et al., is directed to a telecommunications system comprising a network element (5') providing answering service for subscribers, and at least one subscriber terminal (1") comprising a memory (M1') for storing parameters associated with selectable profiles, said parameters controlling the functions of the subscriber terminal, and a user interface (2) providing the possibility to select for use one of said selectable profiles with the associated parameters. To achieve an improved user-friendliness, said parameters stored in the memory (M1') of the subscriber terminal (1") include message parameters (MSG1, MSG2, MSG3), which identify messages (A, B, C) that are associated with the respective profiles. A profile selection carried out with the user interface (2) triggers the transmitter (4) to transmit an activation message (ACT) to the network element (5'). The network element is responsive to said activation message (ACT) for activating the message or messages indicated by the activation message such that the activated message or messages (A, B) can be transmitted from the memory means (M2') to a calling subscriber under predetermined conditions.

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The dependent claims provide further bases for allowability.

By way of example, dependent claims 59 and 83 require the web page to comprise a plurality of communication options for selection by the second user, the communication options to comprise at least one of a voice mail and telephone call, the at least one of voice mail and a telephone call to be selected by the second user, and a text-to-speech engine operable to convert the inputted text message into a corresponding audio message; and wherein the resource manager is further operable to forward the corresponding audio message to the first user by the selected at least one of voice mail and a telephone call.
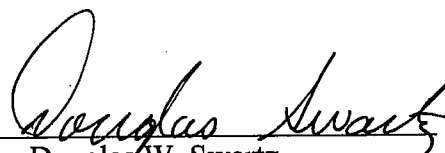
Dependent claims 60, 72, 84, and 94 require the resource manager to authenticate the identification of the second user and apply one or more rules to select a web page configuration to be provided to the second user, the rules requiring differing web page configurations to be provided to differing requestors.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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